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March 6, 2014  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554  
Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

**Re: WC Docket No. 10-90  
Rural Broadband Experiment Expression of Interest – Rate-of-Return Areas  
Progressive Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Progressive Rural Telephone Company, Inc. ("Progressive") hereby expresses interest in participating in the Commission's rural broadband experiments to provide robust, scalable high-speed broadband to unserved high-cost areas with additional Connect America funding.<sup>1</sup> Progressive is a rate-of-return incumbent local exchange carrier serving rural areas of Georgia, and proposes deployment as follows.

Proposed Service Area

Progressive proposes to install and/or upgrade broadband facilities to 250 unserved premises within the regulated service territory in Laurens, Dodge, Bleckley and Wilkinson Counties Georgia.

Proposed Broadband Service

Voice and Broadband services with broadband transmission speeds of 5 Mbps downstream/3 Mbps upstream provided over the fiber plant funded by this request.

Funding

Progressive requests \$1.0M in funding from Connect America Funds in a one-time funding.

Progressive expects service to be offered to all unserved customers within three years after construction starts.

Progressive appreciates the opportunity to provide this non-binding expression of interest. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron Chambers", is written over a horizontal line.

Ron Chambers  
Assistant General Manager  
Progressive Rural Telephone Company, Inc.

<sup>1</sup> See *Technology Transitions et al.*, GN Docket No. 13-5 et al., Order, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Report and Order, Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Proposal for Ongoing Data Initiative, FCC 14-5 (rel. Jan. 31, 2014).